

Introduced by Senator Walters

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Senate Resolution No. 58—Relative to Native American Heritage Month.

1 WHEREAS, Throughout our country's history, Native
2 Americans have played an important role in our culture and
3 success; and

4 WHEREAS, The Native American community has helped
5 dramatically in the preservation of tangible aspects of the heritage
6 that has shaped us as a people; and

7 WHEREAS, In the State of California, a state rich with
8 Native-American culture and history, we are fortunate to have
9 students of the Four Directions Education Organization involved
10 in preserving their Native-American culture; and

11 WHEREAS, Native Americans were the original inhabitants of
12 the land that now constitutes the United States; and

13 WHEREAS, Native Americans traditionally have exhibited a
14 respect for the finiteness of natural resources through a reverence
15 for the earth; and

16 WHEREAS, Native Americans have made distinct and important
17 contributions to the United States and the rest of the world in many
18 fields, including agriculture, medicine, music, language, and art;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Native Americans deserve to be recognized for
21 their individual contributions to the United States as local and
22 national leaders, artists, athletes, and scholars; and

23 WHEREAS, This recognition will encourage self-esteem, pride,
24 and self-awareness in Native Americans of all ages; and

1 WHEREAS, The Senate finds that it is important to celebrate
2 the role of Native-American history in our community and the
3 contributions that have been made by dedicated members of this
4 culture; and

5 WHEREAS, The Senate is honored to join all California
6 residents in celebrating Native-American heritage during this
7 month and encourages the preservation of this extraordinary
8 culture; and

9 WHEREAS, November is a time when many Americans
10 commemorate a special time in the history of the United States
11 when American Indians and English settlers celebrated the bounty
12 of their harvest and the promise of new kinships; now, therefore,
13 be it

14 *Resolved by the Senate of the State of California,* That the Senate
15 recognizes November 2014 as Native American Heritage Month;
16 and be it further

17 *Resolved,* That the Secretary of the Senate transmit copies of
18 this resolution to the author for appropriate distribution.